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SUBJECT: APRIL 12 DEMONSTRATION AT AEROFLOT

REF; A. STATE 89286, B. USUN 1557

1. IN RESPONSE TO SOVEMBASSY'S PROTEST (REF A.) ABOUT
APRIL 12 DEMONSTRATION AT AEROFLOT NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT
PRESENTED NOTE TO SOVEMBASSY COUNSELOR MYSHKOV APRIL 22.
TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT
OF NOTE NO. 25 DATED APRIL 13, 1976, CONCERNING THE APRIL
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AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

3. THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT TEN YOUTHS DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE THE OFFICE OF AEROFLOT FROM 1:20 P.M. TO 2:20 P.M. ON APRIL 12. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, ONE INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE AEROFLOT OFFICE BUT WAS TURNED AWAY BY THE POLICE. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE DIRECTED TO AN AREA SET ASIDE FOR THE DEMONSTRATION ON THE PART OF THE SIDEWALK CLOSEST TO THE CURB. THE POLICE REPORTED THAT THE AREA OF THE SIDEWALK CLOSE TO THE BUILDING WAS KEPT FREE FOR PEDESTRIANS, AND THE DEMONSTRATORS DID NOT CUT OFF ACCESS TO THE AEROFLOT OFFICE.

4. AS THE SOVIET EMBASSY IS AWARE, THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY MAINTAINS TWO FIXED GUARD POSTS OUTSIDE THE AEROFLOT OFFICE IN NEW YORK, AND THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN PROTECTION OF THAT OFFICE. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS, CITED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE, DOES NOT PERTAIN TO COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL SUCH AS AEROFLOT STAFF.
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